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shall relieve the carriers of their burden of proof imposed under the Interstate Commerce Act.

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§1139.21 Study carriers.

(a) For the purposes of this proceeding the "study carriers" shall consist of those Class I motor common carriers of passengers which are members of NBTA and which, during the latest calendar year available preceding the filing date of the proposed increase in fares and/or charges, derived \$500,000 or more in annual operating revenues from the issue traffic, or 1 percent or more of the total annual operating revenues received by all Class I carriers from the issue traffic. Issue traffic is defined as that traffic (services) directly affected by the proposed increases in fares and/or charges.

(b) To corroborate the selection of the above study carriers, and to provide a data base for a continuing evaluation of the validity and usefulness of those carriers as a study group, respondents shall submit, as a part of their verified statement (justification), a list of all Class I motor common carriers of passengers participating in the issue traffic (services). For the above specified calendar year, the dollar amounts of total system operating revenues for each such carrier shall be arrayed in descending order; and, there shall be shown the amount of annual operating revenues received by each carrier from the total traffic at issue. Also, to be shown is the percent that each such carrier's total issue traffic revenue is to its total system revenues, and the percent that each carrier's total issue traffic revenue is to the total issue traffic revenues for all Class I carriers indicated in the above list. This list of carriers and the carrier's applicable revenues shall be referred to as Schedule A, Class I Participating Carriers' Revenue Data.

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§ 1139.22 Revenue data for study carriers.

The study carriers, as identified above, shall submit the revenue data

called for in Schedule B herein, the purpose of which is to determine the amount of increased revenues which might be expected under the proposed increase in fares and/or charges on the issue traffic, and to evaluate the revenue aspects of the non-issue traffic, including that traffic subject to Surface Transportation Board rate regulation but not here at issue, and that traffic which is intrastate in character and under the jurisdiction of state public commissions.

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§1139.23 Revenue need.

The "study carriers" shall submit evidence of the sum of money, in addition to operating expenses, including that needed to attract debt and equity capital, which they require to insure financial stability and the capability to render service. This evidence shall include data required by Schedules C through G.

§1139.24 Official notice.

The Board will take official notice of all of the proponent carriers' annual and quarterly reports on file with the Board.

§ 1139.25 Service.

The detailed information called for herein shall be in writing and shall be verified by a person or persons having knowledge thereof. The original and 16 copies of each verified statement for the use of the Board shall be filed with the Chief. Section of Administration. Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001. One copy of each statement shall be sent first-class mail to each of the regional offices of the Board in the area affected by the proposed increase, where it will be open to public inspection. A copy of each statement shall be mailed by first-class mail to each party of record in the last formal proceeding concerning a general increase in bus passenger fares in the affected area or territory. Otherwise, the service requirements of §1130.1 shall be observed.

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